

# MEETING MINUTES



## CITY OF ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER TRAFFIC CALMING MEETING: *Area 4 (East Rockville)*

Rockville City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room  
January 5, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

### Steering Committee Members Present:

- Norman Clark
- Anita Summerour
- Fran Hawkins
- William Conley
- Phyllis Marcuccio
- Thomas Broad

*Note: Sofia Diaz is interested in joining the Steering Committee but was not able to attend this meeting.*

### City Staff:

- Larry Marcus, Chief, Traffic and Transportation
- Katherine Kelly, Transportation Planner
- Bob Rappoport, Police

### INTRODUCTION

On January 5, 2005, City staff and resident representatives met to discuss potential traffic calming solutions in East Rockville -- designated as *Area 4*. This process is part of the City's larger effort to proactively address new traffic generated by Town Center development.

While the meeting proceeded as an informal discussion, City staff noted comments, problems, and possible solutions.

### DISCUSSION POINTS

Following personal introductions the floor was opened to dialogue.

1. Phyllis expressed concern about the proposed circle at Stonestreet, and how the engineering review is proceeding (via the Neighborhood Planning process).
2. Fran expressed concern about traffic volumes and speeds along N. Horners, and additional traffic that would come online with Town Center. Tom said the new

- median along N. Horners has slowed traffic and that it would be nice to have similar traffic calming along N. Stonestreet.
3. Phyllis proposed closing access to N. Horners from Southlawn Lane.
  4. The following are locations where Committee members requested increased enforcement by police:
    - a. Fran mentioned that cars and Ride-On buses ignore the Stop signs at Lincoln and Frederick—cars ignore Stop Signs. Staff agreed to speak with Ride-On and noted this as a place for increased enforcement.
    - b. Norman requested traffic calming and police enforcement on First St., near Maryvale ES. Officer Rappoport mentioned that they have worked with other schools and PTAs to limit stopping in the middle of the street when dropping off children, and that they would take measures to do the same with Maryvale. L. Marcus stated that staff would investigate a designated (signed) drop-off area and an education campaign to promote safety.
  5. Tom mentioned that Grandin to Reading is often used as a mini-cut-through, mostly during the AM peak hours. Staff agreed to drop counters along both Grandin and Reading, and at Highland and Taylor Aves, as well as First St. and Maple.
  6. Fran suggested “Do Not Enter” signs on N. Horners during peak hours. Tom suggested the same for Grandin. Staff will investigate the pros and cons.
  7. Phyllis suggested a fly-over (CSX tracks) and/or parallel street along the tracks to access Westmore Rd., in order to decrease volumes on N. Horners.
  8. Anita mentioned that the cut-through to Gude (from Park Rd.) is via N. Stonestreet and N. Horners. She and William mentioned that Howard, Crabb, and Lincoln are primary cut-through routes.
  9. The group agreed that First St., N. Horners, and Baltimore Roads were all good candidates for traffic calming.
  10. Phyllis referred to the East Rockville Neighborhood Plan as a good source for additional traffic recommendations.
  11. Fran asked about Stop Signs for all intersections. Staff stated that they could check Stop Sign warrants at certain locations. They also presented the downfall of Stop Signs (is a passive device and does not provide adequate pedestrian safety).
  12. Anita requested that staff send images and plans for Town Center road configurations.
  13. The Committee agreed that another, full community meeting is not warranted since East Rockville has just completed its Neighborhood Plan. Staff agreed to put a summary of this meeting in Rockville Reports, and to list what additional measures/concerns were discussed that are not addressed in the Neighborhood Plan.
  14. Phyllis requested that Transportation staff attend the Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> East Rockville Transportation Sub-Committee meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.